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In re Application of: Ulf LANDEGREN et al.)	Art Unit:
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Contemporaneous with the filing of this case and prior to calculation of the filing fee, kindly amend as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 3, line 1, delete "claims 1 or 2" and insert therefor --claim 1--.

Claim 4, line 1, delete "claims 1 2 or 3" and insert therefor --claim 1--.

Claim 5, line 1, delete "claims 1 2, 3 or 4" and insert therefor —claim 1—.

Claim 6, line 1, delete "any of the above claims" and insert therefor -- claim 1--.

Claim 7, line 1, delete "any of the above claims" and insert therefor --claim 1--.

Claim 13 (Amended) [Use of the method] $\underline{\text{Method}}$ according to [any one of claims 1-7 and/or the kit according to any one of the claims 8-12] $\underline{\text{claim 1}}$ for screening for ligand-receptor interaction antagonists a high throughput screening procedure.

Claim 14 (Amended) [Use of the method] $\underline{\text{Method}}$ according to [any one of claims 1-7 and/or the kit accoding to any one of the claims 8-12] $\underline{\text{claim 1}}$ for competitive detection and/or quantification of an unknown analyte in solution.

Claim 15 (Amended) [Use of the method] $\underline{\text{Method}}$ according to [any one of claims 1-7 and/or the kit according to any one of the claims 8-12] $\underline{\text{claim 1}}$ for screening ligand candidates in a large pool.

Claim 16 (Amended) [Use of the method] $\underline{\text{Method}}$ according to [any one of claims 1-7 and/or the kit according to any one of the claims 8-12] $\underline{\text{claim 1}}$ for screening of drug candidates from large libraries.

Claim 17 (Amended) [Use of the method] $\underline{\text{Method}}$ according to [any one of claims 1-7 and/or the kit according to any one of the claims 8-12] $\underline{\text{claim 1}}$ for detection of infectious agents.

Claim 18, line 1 delete "Use" and insert therefor --Method--.

If, inadvertently, a proper multiple dependent claim has not been amended to reduce it to single dependency, please amend it to be dependent solely on the first-mentioned claim, or, if that is not possible, please cancel the claim and notify the undersigned.

REMARKS

The above amendments to the claims are being made in order to eliminate multiple dependency, to place use claims in acceptable method format and for the purpose of reducing the filing fee. Please enter this amendment prior to calculation of the filing fee in this case.

Favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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